

Amendments to the claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of transferring information about a user of a responsive object to that responsive object, comprising:

storing information about the user in a physically manipulatable device;

providing a manipulative user interface between the responsive device and the physically manipulative device;

physically manipulating the physically manipulatable device to communicate at least some of the stored information about the user to the responsive device,

wherein the stored information about the user comprises the level of authority of the user. page 7
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2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~further comprising transferring information contained in the responsive device back to the physically manipulatable device~~ wherein the level of authority of the user is that of a system administrator.

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3. (Currently Amended) A method of ~~communicating with a responsive device using a reified device having a manipulatable user interface~~ transferring information about a user of a responsive object to that responsive object, comprising:

~~placing the reified device in communication relationship with the responsive device; and~~

storing information about the user in a physically manipulatable reified device;

providing a manipulative user interface between the responsive device and the physically manipulative device; and

physically manipulating the physically manipulatable reified device to communicate at least some of the stored information about the user to or from the responsive device,

wherein the stored information comprises an asset of the user.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 3, further comprising placing a physical object on the reified device to physically manipulate the reified device wherein the asset of the user comprises a credit card number.~~

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 3, wherein the method of communicating comprises logging onto the computer. A reified device for interfacing and communicating with a computer, comprising a physical representation of a user of the responsive device, the physical representation comprising:~~

~~a manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device; and~~

~~at least one physically manipulatable element to store information about the user, the at least one physically manipulatable element capable of activating the user manipulatable interface to communicate with the responsive device,~~

~~wherein the stored information about the user comprises the level of authority of the user.~~

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A The reified device for interfacing and communicating with a computer, comprising a physical representation of a user of the responsive device; the physical representation comprising:~~

~~a manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device; and;~~

~~one or more physically manipulatable element, the one or more physically manipulatable elements capable of activating the user manipulatable interface to communicate with the responsive device of claim 5, where the level of authority of the user is that of a system administrator.~~

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A reified device of claim 6, wherein the reified device is in the form of an animal for interfacing and communicating with a computer, comprising a physical representation of a user of the responsive device, the physical representation comprising:~~

a manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device; and
at least one physically manipulatable element to store information about the user, the
at least one physically manipulatable element capable of activating the user manipulatable
interface to communicate with the responsive device,

wherein the stored information comprises an asset of the user.

8 (Currently Amended) The reified device of claim 7, wherein ~~the reified device~~
~~is in the form of a rational animal~~ asset of the user comprises a credit card number.

9. (Currently Amended) The reified device of claim ~~5~~ 6, further comprising:
an element which may be used to manipulate the reified device.

10. (Original) The reified device of claim 9, wherein the element used to manipulate
the reified device is an object that can be placed into at least one predefined relationship to
reified device.